THRILLING TALE OF

A BOARDING-HOUSE

PLUMP LANDLADY'S ADMI-

RERS IN LIVELY WAR.

For a While Ardent Frenchman

Triumphed, but Now Staid Mr.

Gray Has His Innings.

able ardent ad distinguished looking

There was Drvid S. Gray, a sober

solid appearing citizen of some forty years of age, stout, bald and phelgmatic

He is a machinist with a shop at No.

There was Mrs. Margaret Laughlin. petite, pretty, plump of figure, with fair cheeks that were constantly dimpled

by the ripples of amusement, which agi-

tated her as she listened to the recital

f the trials and tribulations of her two

Mrs. Laughlin has the fourth flat at No. 249 West One Hundred and Eleventh

street, and she pays \$75 a month rent

ller husband was a real estate broker,

who has taken it upon himself to act as her special protector. De Plaisance,

iowever, was a bit uncertain.

He would paint a picture and sell it, and so long as the money lasted every one had a lovely time. But sometimes he waits between picture sales were engity and the landlord was importu-

Therefore, Mrs. Laughlin was inclined to look with more favor on steady Mr. Gray, who always paid his board punctually on his arrival home Saturday

Mrs. Laughlin learned to rely on Mr

Mrs. Laughlin learned to rely on Mr. Gray and also, so De Plaisance alleges, to love him. That was where the trouble started. As soon as the artist learned that he was being supplanted his excitable nature asserted itself.

One evening De Plaisance had his ire aroused by something that happened between the dimpled Mrs. Laughlin and the sturdy Mr. Gray. He proceeded to tear things up.

but he has been dead fifteen morths.

Then she met Henri De Plaisance

# SILENCED BY PRESTON CASH

Hospital Authorities Conceal Names of Women in Auto Accident.

## RODE WITH MILLIONAIRE

Strange Methods Used to Prevent the Public from Knowing Who They Are.

Millionaire Veryl Preston's liberal use of his checkbook has effectually si-lenced the authorities of St. John's Hospital, Yonkers, and the names of his two fair companions in the automo bile accident of Saturday night are deep mystery.

No hint of their identity has been allowed to escape and it has been intimated to the hospital employees that any information would be tantamount to a dismissal.

This same air of mystery as to the identity of the two women is shown a Mr. Preston's office in the Empire Building and at his bachelor apart ments at No. 532 Fifth avenue, Mr. Preston is president of the steel hoop division of the United States Steel Corporation. At his office the only information given was that he would be at his desk to-morrow morning.

The injuries which have laid Mr. Preston and the two unknown women up in the Yonkers Hospital were received late Saturday night. The party were returning from the Ardsley Club, Dobbs Ferry, to New York. As they passed through Yonkers they were going at a terrific clip. Mr. Preston running the auto, his chauffeur at his side and the two women in the rear seat.

Near the city line on Broadway the front wheels struck a rut. The heavy auto made a jump into the air, throwing out the occupants and turning com pletely over.

### All Unconscious All were rendered unconscious by the

fall upon the frozen road, but luckily were thrown clear of the machine. The chauffeur recovered his senses first and hurried to the house of a Mr. Taylor on Caryl avenue for assistance. When they returned Preston was conscious, but dazed. His first remark to the chauffeur was: "Keep still about

Then one of the women, less hurt than her companions, called to Mr. Preston "Don't let our names get out-we must not get into the papers."

They were all taken to Mr. Taylor's

house, with the exception of the chauffeur, who disappeared to return early Sunday morning in another auto. He righted the wrecked machine and towed it back to New York. From Mr. Taylor's house Mr. Preston and his modest women friends, who are

averse to having their names in print, were taken to St. John's Riverside Hospital. There they were made comfortable and a guard established about the place to prevent police and re-porters from learning who's who. The hospital authorities say their reason for the withholding all information is that the women are private patients and have forbidden their names to be given out. Even the police were

denied the names. Dined at Ardsley Club. Mr. Preston is a member of the Ardsley Club and he had dined there with lions for the purpose of teaching them

the evening and had started back for of the arena a large plank, supported band brought into court last Wednesday New York ready for a good spin.

Mr. Presson is represented by the arena a large plank, supported on a charge of abandonment there were the centre of a pedestal about four on a charge of abandonment there were Mr. Preston is reputed to be worth feet high. He endeavored to make the many accusations on both sides, so the nearly \$10,000,000. He is a bachelor and huge lions Sampson, Schley and Balti-Court hit upon the following solution: has magnificent apartments at No. 532 more, see-saw on this plank, with the Fifth avenue. He is regarded as one of other twenty-four lions grouped around up. the ablest lleutenants of President it as spectators to their play.

Charles M. Schwab, of the Billion Dollar Steel Trust.

The act was a new one and it was street Court to-day Dr. Berlenbach necessary to drill and redrill the animals.

He is a daring chauffeur and has aken part in several fast runs.

He was arrested on Dec. 15 by Policetion began. Capt. Bonavita was 80

He was arrested on Dec. 15 by Policetaken part in several fast runs. man Thomas McIntee at Seventh avenue and Twenty-fourth street for running his machine at a furious rate of speed. Magistrate Company of the animal arena, and the speed with the doclity of the animals to have the case dismissed."

"Good!" cried the Magistrate. "Disming Dana McCann, of the animal arena, ing Dana McCann, of the animal arena, in the speed of speed. Magistrate Cornell held him in who was witnessing the rehearsal said: \$300 bonds for trial in Special Sessions The case was called last Tuesday, but at Preston's request was adjourned until Jan. 3.

St. John's Riverside Hospital was endowed by William F. Cochran, a millionaire, who gave the building comprising the establishment, and who is president of the hospital. The expenses are met by private subscription with the exception of the ambulance service.

Baltimore, the other lion, came to the exception of the ambulance service, for which the Board of Aldermen danates \$1,000 a year.

## **World Wants** the Road to Prosperity!

491 Paid Help Wants in this morning's World. 153 Paid Help Wants in the 13 other

York Papers combin	ed, employed by a manufacturer of dentists supplies. Ames paid much attention to her and accompanied her one night to
AGENTS 7 HOUSEWORK	51 the place of her employment, she hav-
ARTIFICIAL PLOW- JANITORS	ing been ordered to work at night.
ERS 6 KITCHENWOR	K 15 Ames went inside, it is charged, and stole supplies valued at \$115. He went
BAKERS 4 QUNCHMEN	
BONNAZ 8 MEN	5 finally back to Jersey City, where he
BOOKBINDERS 7 SECKWEAR	3 was arrested and held for examination.
BOYS 31 NURSES	9
BUTCHERS 11 DPERATORS	STORK COMES AT LAST.
CABINET MAKERS 3 PRESSERS	3 STURK COMES AT EAST.
CASHIERS 3 FALESLAL.ES	8
CHAMBERMAIDS 6 FALESMEN	
CLERKS 4 SHOEMAKERS	6 After Forty Years' Wait.
COMPOSITORS 7 TAILORS	6 (Special to The Evening World.)
COOKS 13 TINSMITHS	5 TRENTON N. J., Dec. 23After forty
DESIGNERS 4 TUCKERS	3 years of wedded bliss with no bables to
DISHWASHERS 12 UPHOLSTERER	S 7 cheer them, Peter Kilne, seventy years
DRIVERS 6 WAIST HANDS	
DRUG CLERKS 7 WAITERS	9 blessed with the arrival of a bright-
EMP. AGENCIES 7 WAITRESSES .	9 eyed baby girl of fourteen pounds yes-
ENGINEERS 3 MISCELLANEO	us .125 terday morning. According to the couple, they have
PEEDERS 10	- proved for a child ever since their wed-
GIRLS 20   FOTAL	491 ding, four decades ago.

# DISAPPOINTED THIEF TRIES TO BURN SLEEPING BABES.



Babes Burglar Tried to Burn and "Little Mother" Who Saved Them.

oil lamp at a crib in which slept two babies, twins, the sons of Louis Addesso, who lives at No. 16 Madison The flend's nurnose was robbery. Enfear. A man, wearing a black mask, stood glaring at her. He took a quick raged at his fallure to secure money, he grabbed a lamp and hurled it at the survey of the room and then stepped

TRAINER ATTACKED | WEALTHY COUPLE

Animal Arena. Captain Bonavita took Brooklyn, and his wife are at an end.

That's What the Police Say About several lots in which sizes

from their cages his twenty-seven huge They have kissed and made up.

nouse and down the street.

Children Left Alone.

The father is a brass flinisher. He

was out last night and the mother

an down to a neighboring grocery store

to purchase food. She left Lillie at

nome with the twins, Nicholas and Jo-

Rosie, five years old, was asleep in

another room. A lighted lamp stood on

the mantel. Another was on the table.

Lillie took a book, and drawing a chair

up to the table, settled herself com-

Suddenly the door was opened. Lillie

NEW SEE-SAW TRICK.

Lions When the Attack

Was Made.

(Special to The Evening World.)
BOSTON, Dec. 24.—There was a thrill-

ing half hour yesterday at the Bostick

"That is easy."
"Look out," shouted McCann.

Sampson leaped at the trainer, his

Baltimore, the other lion, came to

Sampson's assistance, and faced Bona-

vita. He drew his revolver and fired

at the lion, but the shot went wide. The

flash and report had a subduing effect on

the animals, who suddenly crawled

MADE LOVE TO STEAL?

Frank Ames.

Frank Ames, tall, well dressed and

good looking, was arrested in Jersey

City to-day on a charge of stealing den-

tists' supplies valued at \$115.

According to the police he got an opportunity to greal by making love to a daughter of the man with whom he boarded. It is said he went to Red Bank last August and obtained board there. A daughter of the landlord was employed by a manufacturer of dentists' supplies. Ames paid much attention to her and accompanied her one night to the place of her employment, she having been ordered to work at night.

Ames went inside, it is charged, and stole supplies valued at \$115. He went to Buffalo, Cleveland and Cincinnati, and finally back to Jersey City, where he

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claws just grazing his cap and tearing it from his head. The shouts and ex-

seph, nine months old, fast asleep in

home at the time.

fortably to read.

inside. In an instant the room was enveloped "I want money," he said hurriedly.
"I have no money," faltered the child. in flame and the man rushed out of the "Nonsense. You must have money This is the story told to the police by with all these nice things about," he Lillian Addesso, nine years old, who said, indicating with a sweep of his hand was the eldest member of the family the little ornaments on the mantel.

> Not Like "Editha's Burglar." "My mamma and papa are not home,"

will give you some." money or I will throw this lamp at the

bables." He seized the lamp and held it aloft threateningly. "Please, mister, don't do that," cried

Lillie, but while she was making the plea the man dashed the lamp at the little ones and rushed from the room. Lillie gave a piercing scream and rushed for the twins. She dragged them

KISS AND MAKE UP

RECONCILED OUT OF COURT.

Dismiss the Abandonment

Charge and 'tis Done.

When Mrs. Berlenbach had her hus-

When the case was called in the Ewen

Specials for

House Coats.

\$4.95 each.

Neckwear.

odd lots, desirable styles,

50c. and 65c.

Initial Handkerchiefs,

pure Irish linen, hand em-

25c. each.

Gloves.

real cape, heavy weight,

\$1.50 per pair.

Lord & Taylor.

broidered initials,

Monday and Tuesday.

for Men.

looked up and her blood turned cold with licking their clothing. Into the room rushed William Mahoney, the owner of the building, who is an old fireman.

Taking in the situation at a glance he seized bedelothes and threw them on the burning oil. Then he wrapped a quilt about the girl and the twins, who were all afire. Children Badly Burned.

Before he could smother the flames

little Nicholas was burned on the hands, face and body and Lillie's hands were badly burned. face and body and Lime's nands were badly burned.

Meanwhile some boys rushed to the grocery store and told the mother that a tall man with a heavy black mustache and wearing a long brown overcoat had set fire to her place and run away. When she arrived at home Lillie told her story.

The mother notified the police. The latter were inclined to think that Lillie's story was the product of an imaginative mind, and thought that the girl had herself upset the lamp, and invented the story to save herself from a whipping.

ping.

Rafael March, of No. 39 Marion street, brother of Port Warden James E. March, told the police that he had seen the man rush out of the house just before the alarm was given. The police then began active search for the man.

## ARMOUR CASHIER ACCUSED.

THEY DID NOT RELISH THE DR. AND MRS. BERHENBACH with the embezziement of \$1,000 of the

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between the dimpled Mrs. Laughlin and the sturdy Mr. Gray. He proceeded to tear things up.

He locked Mr. Gray in his room. He bundled Mrs. Laughlin into the bathroom. Then he soundly spanked Mrs. Laughlin's two little girls—Ethel, aged eight, and Mary, aged five—and also locked them up.

Then he sat down to think things over. He concluded he was hungry and so left the flat, leaving all hands still locked up. He returned with a steak and he permitted Mrs. Laughlin to come out and cook the steak for him.

While she was doing this De Plaisance took down a poinard from the wall of his room and told Mrs. Laughlin what a wonderful master he was with this weapon. He laid it on the table and made insinuating remarks concerning Gray.

"Fly," she said, "he has a sword and is going to run you through."

Gray lost his staid manners at once and beat an undignified exit. Things went along smoothly then until Gray returned to the flat last night.

As soon as he made his appearance De Plaisance took his poniard and drove the entire family out on the freescape. Then he locked the windows and sat down comfortably in the warm kitchen grinning at his rival's discomiliure.

Taking \$1,000.

Frank E. Madison, of No. 3 Broad street, Newark, cashier of the Jersey City office of the Armour Packing Company, was arrested to-day, charged with the embezzlement of \$1,000 of the company's funds. He was committed for examination next Saturday.

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## A Christmas Sale **OVERCOATS** The announcement that we would put

on sale this special lot of overcoats has brought such a tremendous response that we have practically been forced to cut up additional lots of woollens which were not included in our original offer. These Overcoatings are the odd pieces which had not been made up, and were originally bought for very much higher priced garments.

These Overcoats \$12.

They include all the most stylish materials, such as Oxford Meltons, Velours, Moulles and Friezes. We have made them up in the smart new styles, and they are in every way up to our usual standard of workmanship. OPEN MONDAY AND TUESDAY NIGHTS.

WM. VOGEL @ SON. HOUSTON ST. BROADWAY.

# The Manamater Store

Store Closes Tonight at 10 o'clock Tomorrow Night at 7 o'clock

## Come Tonight Or Early Tomorrow

Come as soon after 8 o'clock in the morning as you can; before the store grows crowded. Remember that this is the last evening the store is open until 10 o'clock. Tomorrow evening we close

Remember the Holidav Bazaar on the Fifth Floor. A comfortable and suggestive place to buy inexpensive gift-things.

The Art Room, where artistic wares are expensive, or not, as your wish elects. Where the choicest gifts may be selected for those whom you wish to serve most handsomely. Then many of these fine things are newly reduced in price.

The Toy Annex-the finest display that Santa Claus ever saw!

# Still Time FOR Christmas Piano

And a Little Cash Payment Is All That Is Necessary—IF

You secure membership in the Wanamaker Piano Club.

Last week the Wanamaker Piano Store did such tremendous selling as has never been heard of n the trade annals of the piano business before.

Superb pianos in every grade, and fair prices on each—were the two chief reasons for the selling. Every purchaser is sure of a worthy and artistic piano at its lowest price.

No possible dissatisfaction can exist with a purchase made at Wanamaker's.

Our supply of Pianos was almost exhausted, the middle of last week; but our urgent telegrams brought immediate response. The carload of Kurtzmann Pianos was rushed through from Buffalo by express. On Saturday a number of the superb Vose Pianos came in from Boston. More Frederick Doll Pianos (\$185) were also received; then, of course, we had quite a number of Chickerings; so today finds us with a fine collection of our regular pianos, all ready to send right out to your home. At the fairest prices-for cash, or on easy monthly payments, if you join the club.

Still plenty of time-if you come today, or early tomorrow. We guarantee delivery before Christmas of every piano bought today; and perhaps all sold tomorrow.

## DRESS PATTERNS at \$3---A Splendid Christmas Offering

What more suitable gift for girl or woman than a Dress Pattern? A sensible, attractive, thoughtful gift. It would be the choice of thousands, even at regular prices. What enthusiasm then should follow such an offering as we tell of here!

Wide variety of popular fabrics-in many different weaves and all desirable colorings-com-

DRESS PATTERNS Worth \$4 to \$8.75, at Three Dollars Each! Including the following sorts of Colored Dress Goods-

7 yards of French Crystal Cords, 39 in. wide; worth \$7. 7 yards of All-wool Granites, 38 in. wide; worth \$4.20. 6 yards of French Surah Serges, 45 in. wide; worth \$4.50. yards of All-wool Homespuns, 50 in. wide; worth \$4.50.

Also these excellent Black Dress Goods-

7 yards of French All-wool Henrietta, 37 in. wide; worth \$4.20.

8 yards of All-wool Serges, 39 in. wide; worth \$4.
7 yards of French Vigoureux, 46 in. wide; worth \$7.
6 yards of Fancy Zibeline Cheviot, 48 in. wide; worth \$6. 7 yards of English Camel's-hair Plaids, 44 in. wide; worth

yards of French Crystal Cords, 39 in. wide; worth \$7.

8 yards of English Mohair, 38 in. wide: worth \$4. Any of the above Dress Patterns, neatly banded for Christmas-giving, at the little price-\$3.a pattern. Splendid variety of other patterns at \$2.25 to \$10.

## More Good News for **FURNITURE** Givers

Our Furniture Store is a gratifying place these days, to seekers of handsome gifts. The display is broad and satisfying. The furniture is of the high artistic character that reople of taste admire. Everything is new, perfect, handsome—but cut prices are seen all over the floor; on almost every line of goods desired. Sharp concessions, too, that mean large savings.

It is a January clean-up, made before Christmas-good luck, certainly.

Then we guarantee delivery before Christmas of all Furniture sold today, to points within our regular delivery system; also tomorrow, as far as possible.

From a dozen lines of goods, we choose two to tell about in detail:

Women's Desks—

A splendid assortment of house Desks for women, in all the popular woods and in various degrees of fineness. Every desk want can be supplied from this stock. Some of the choicest patterns at special prices.

At \$15, from \$30-Quartered golden oak; drop lid, heavy ldings, claw feet.

At \$20, from \$40-Weathered oak; fine carving, shaped legs. At \$20, from \$40-Quartered golden oak; richly carved; carved

At \$30, from \$60-Mahogany Art Nouveau table desk; fine

marquetry inlay.
At \$35, from \$70—Mahogany Art Nouveau Desk; richly carved and inlaid.

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At \$45, from \$90—Mahogany Art Nouveau Desk; carved; fine inlaid panels, highest quality.

At \$46.25, from \$65—Quartered golden oak, Colonial pattern Desk; finely carved; carved claw feet.

At \$47.50, from \$95—Mahogany Art Nouveau library desk, with large drop lid; finest marquetry.

At \$69.75, from \$93—Mahogany library desk; four long draw-sible inlaid on front, top and ends.

ers: richly inlaid on front, top and ends.

At \$71.25, from \$95—Fine mahogany desk, in Colonial lines; drop lid; inlaid with fine metals.

At \$101.25, from \$135—Golden oak Colonial library desk for

man; carved drop lid, side pedestals, claw feet.

### Fancy Parlor Chairs-At \$8, from \$12-Mahogany wall chair, inlaid panel back, cm-

At \$8.25, from \$12.50-Mahogany wall chair; carved back, At \$10.50, from \$16-Mahogany wall chair: claw feet damask

laid back, damask seat.

At \$14, from \$20-Mahogany wall chair; damask seat and At \$16, from \$24-Mahogany arm chair; inlaid panel, damask

At \$18, from \$26-Mahogany arm chair; richly carved, damash

At \$21, from \$32-Mahogany arm chair; inlaid lines, damasi

Also this lot of .

\$4.50 Fancy Rockers at \$3.50

One hundred golden oak rockers; high spindle and panel back; wood or cobbler seat; comfortable arms; turned spindles under arms; well built, polished finish.

A Six O'Clock Sale

Of SHOES

## CANDIES ---You Can Safely Buy Today We are selling, today, Candies made in our own

factory on Saturday. Tomorrow we'll sell candy made today. They'll be fresh and delicious enough on Christmas. Almost a thousand people are making and handling canties sale.

for Wanamaker's now—think of it! All because we refused to stock up ahead. Wanamaker Candy must be fresh—is fresh. Our 60c Candy

the finest, freshest, most delicious in the world. It contains the choicest and most expensive ingredients obtainable. No matter where you buy candies at higher prices, they are not better than Wanamaker 60c Candies. And nowhere else are candies so fresh and newly made right up to Christmas Eve. Both chocolates and

bonbons at 60c a pound.

Chocolate and Bonbons, of pure but less expensive sorts, at 30e Nut Candies and Clear Candies at 25c a pound.

Nut Candles and Cardian and Ca

## Here's another stirring opportunity for those

who have to delay their shopping until evening, to get the benefit of a Wanamaker Under-priced Shoe

We offer in the Basement, this (Monday) evening, beginning at six o'clock,

1190 Pairs of Shoes at \$1

They are Men's, Women's and Children's Shoes, in small lots that have been rounded up for quick selling, at a price that is a third, or less, of their

You may not find your size in every sort, but the chance of getting \$3, \$4 or \$5 shoes for a dollar is

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